GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants – Registration and Stamps – Sri Arja Raghava Rao, Sub-Registrar, O/o. Sub Registrar, Avanigadda, Krishna District - Surprise Check conducted by ACB over O/o.Sub Registrar, Avanigadda, Krishna District on 12.03.2018 - Allegation of corruption and irregularities against the officials of office of the Sub Registrar, Registration and Stamps, Avanigadda, Krishna District - Initiation of Disciplinary Proceedings under Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 - Articles of Charges – Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.751 Dated:16-09-2022
Read:-

G.O.Ms.No.632, Revenue (Vig.II) Department, Dated:16.09.2022.

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ORDER:

In continuation of the orders issued under Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 in the G.O. read above, it is proposed to hold an enquiry against Sri Arja Raghava Rao, Sub Registrar, O/o.Sub Registrar, Avanigadda, Krishna District, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charge (Annexure-I). A statement of imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in support of each article of charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which and a list of witnesses by whom the articles of charge are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure-III and IV).

3. Sri Arja Raghava Rao, Sub Registrar, O/o.Sub Registrar, Avanigadda, Krishna District is directed to submit his written statement of his defence, within seven days of the receipt of this Order.

4. Sri Arja Raghava Rao, Sub Registrar, O/o.Sub Registrar, Avanigadda, Krishna District is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charge as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri Arja Raghava Rao, Sub Registrar, O/o.Sub Registrar, Avanigadda, Krishna District is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the date specified in para 3 above, further action will be processed based on the material available.

6. Attention of Sri Arja Raghava Rao, Sub Registrar, O/o.Sub Registrar, Avanigadda, Krishna District is invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964 under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interests in respect of matters pertaining to his service under Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings, it will be presumed that he is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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7. The receipt of this order may be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Dr.RAJAT BHARGAVA
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri Arja Raghava Rao, Sub Registrar, O/o.Sub Registrar, Avanigadda, Krishna District (Enclosed Annexures I to IV) through the Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Vijayawada. (with a request to serve the order on the individual and send the served copy with dated signature to Government).
The Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Vijayawada.
Copy to:
The Commissioner & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Eedupugallu, Vijayawada, Krishna District.
The Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Andhra Pradesh, P.N.Bus Station, NTR Administrative Block, Vijayawada.
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ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI ARJA RAGHAVA RAO, SUB REGISTRAR GRADE-II, O/o THE SUB REGISTRAR, AVANIGADDA, KRISHNA DISTRICT

That Sri Arja Raghava Rao, Sub Registrar Grade-II, Sub Registrar Office, Avanigadda, Krishna District (here-in-after referred as the Govt. Servant) while functioning as such on 12.03.2018 in between 17.15 hrs to 21.00 hrs committed grave Misconduct in as much as:

Article of Charge -I

That Sri Arja Raghava Rao, Sub Registrar Grade-II, Sub Registrar Office, Avanigadda, Krishna District, remained silent and he could not account for the total amount of Rs.1,29,120/- i.e. an unaccounted cash an amount of Rs.90,090/- which was found in the possession of the six Document writers/Asst. Document writers, an amount of Rs. 10,030/- which was found in the possession of the three private employees who were found to be present in Sub Registrar's Office, Avanigadda and an unaccounted amount of Rs.29,000/- which was found at the south-west corner of the office of the Sub-Registrar recovered during the searches.

Article of Charge-2

That Sri Arja Raghava Rao, Sub Registrar Grade-II, Sub Registrar Office, Avanigadda, Krishna District, and his staff have been insisting the Document Writers must collect an excess amount as bribe from the claimants on the document value for registration and accordingly, excess amount was being collected by the document writers and the same was being handed over to the Sub Registrar and his staff on the instructions of Sub-Registrar after completion of all transactions. After taking his share, the Sub-Registrar used to distribute the bribe amount among all the staff members.

Article of Charge-3

That Sri Arja Raghava Rao, Sub Registrar Grade-II, Sub Registrar Office, Avanigadda, Krishna District allowed three private persons viz. Sri Shaik Khaleesha, Sri Subrahmanyam and Sri Ganta Yedukondalu to work in the SRO unauthorisedly and he has been allowing the document writers cum brokers to the SRO and he has been habitually collecting mamools in collusion with Smt. Karri Madhavi Latha, Jr.Asst. and Smt. Kaddala Mariyamma, Office sub ordinate, Office of Sub Registrar, Avanigadda from the general public (who have been approaching the Sub Registrar's Office for registration of their properties and other official works) through the six document writers/ assistant document writers and also through the three private persons employed by the Sub Registrar un-authorizedly.

Article of Charge-4

That Sri Arja Raghava Rao, Sub Registrar Grade-II, Sub Registrar Office, Avanigadda, Krishna District failed to maintain/ properly maintain the office records i.e. a) Attendance Register, b) Account -G Register Vol-SO, c) Stock Register of Special Adhesives (Vol-III), this record is being maintained by Smt.K.Madhavi Latha Jr.Asst., but it was not updated and the SRO did not supervis, d) Non Judicial General Sale Register , e)Hindu Marriage RegisterVol. No. 3, f) Accounts - H Register (Vol. No. 3), g) Original A/D receipt Books, h) Stamps disbursing Register.

That Sri Arja Raghava Rao, Sub Registrar Grade-II, Sub Registrar Office, Avanigadda, Krishna District by his above mentioned acts exhibited lack of devotion to duty, failed to maintain integrity, behaved in a manner unbecoming of a Govt. servant and brought down the prestige of the state Government and thereby violated/contravened Rule 3(1) & 3(2) of A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

Dr.RAJAT BHARGAVA
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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SECTION OFFICER

ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT OF MISBEHAVIOUR IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI ARJA RAGHAVA RAO, SUB REGISTRAR GARDE - II, O/o THE SUB REGISTRAR OFFICE, AVANIGADDA, KRISHNA DISTRICT.

That Sri Arja Raghava Rao S/o Late Satyanarayana Rao, Age:55 Yrs, Occ: Sub Registrar Grade-II, Sub Registrar Office, Avanigadda, Krishna District, R/o D.No.48-11-30, Currency Nagar, Vijayawada, Krishna District. His date of birth is 15.07.1963. He entered into Government service on 19.05.1993 as Junior Assistant. He worked as Joint Sub Registrar from 11.12.2014 to till date of Surprise Check i.e. 20.08.2018. His Basic pay is Rs.43,680/- in scale of Rs.28,940/- to Rs.78,910/- in RPS-2015. He is due for retirement on attaining the age of superannuation on 31-07-2025. He is here-in-after referred as Government Servant.

Article of Charge-I

That Sri Arja Raghava Rao Sub Registrar Grade-II, Sub Registrar Office, Avanigadda, Krishna District remained silent and he could not account for the total amount of Rs.1,29,120/- i.e. an unaccounted cash an amount of Rs. 90,090/- which was found in the possession of the six Document writers/ Asst. Document writers, an amount of Rs. 10,030/- which was found in the possession of the three private employees who were found to be present in Sub Registrar's Office, Avanigadda and an unaccounted amount of Rs.29,000/- which was found at the south-west corner of the office of the Sub-Registrar recovered during the searches

FACTS AND EVIDENCE:

On credible information that the Sub-Registrar of Registrar Office, Avanigadda, Krishna District and their staff are indulging in corrupt practices and collecting bribe from the parties/claimants who are coming to the Registrar Office for registration of their properties, for getting ECs and other purposes, a surprise check was conducted on the said Sub-Registrar Office on 12.03.2018 at 17.15 hrs in the presence of mediators, found certain irregularities and seized an unaccountable amount of Rs.1,00,120/- from the office premises, and from the Document Writers (who were acting as a henchmen for collecting bribes) in the presence of Mediators under the cover of search proceedings.

The search party consisting DSP, Inspectors, mediators and ACB staff left the ACB Office, Vijayawada at 14.00 hours in one Government Vehicle and two Govt. hired vehicles and reached the vicinity of the said office at 16.45 hours and took vantage positions in and around the Avanigadda Registration Office.

After observing the proceedings for a while at about 17.15 hours a raid was conducted on the said office. On entering the office premises several people were present in the main hall. Then the DSP instructed one of his staff to be present at the main entrance gate to control the access into the office or leaving the office. On entering the office, a person was found sitting in a dais on the southern side of the said room and a name plate with name A.Raghavara Rao, Sub registrar has been nailed on the wall. In front of the Sub Registrar a women was found sitting in a chair. On the left side of the Sub Registrar there is a glass framed cabin and a female person was found sitting in a revolving chair and attending some office work.

The DSP instructed the Inspectors and staff to close the doors and windows of the office and observe the persons who were present in the office. The DSP introduced himself to the person sitting on the dais and other members of the party and ascertained their identity as Sri Arja Raghava Rao S/o Late Satyanarayana Rao, 54 Years, Sub-Registrar, Grade-II, Avanigadda SRO office, Krishna District R/o Door No.48-11-30, Currency Nagar, Vijayawada.

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The DSP, ACB instructed raid party members to observe the all cabins and secure the staff. All the persons present in the office are instructed by the DSP not to move from their places and also informed them the purpose of ACB team visit to the office.

Then the DSP, went in to Sub-Registrar dais and enquired about the name, designation, address and other particulars of the persons found in the office and also enquired persons who were present at Sub - Registrars office. Upon that he voluntarily disclosed their identity as follows:-

Office Employees

1. Sri Karri Madhavi Latha W/o Durga Satyanarayana Age 36, Jr.Asst O/o Sub Registrar Avanigadda, R/o D.No 20-585-48, Lakshmana Raopuram, Krishna District.
2. Sri Maddala Mariyamma W/o Late Yesupadam Age 52 years, Attender O/o Sub Registrar Avanigadda, R/o D.No.4-17, Radha Nagar, Kabela Road, Challapalli, Krishna district.

The DSP ascertained the duties of Smt. K.Madhavi latha and she stated that she has been working as Jr. Asst. from 26-06-2013 and she discharging the duties i.e., document scanning, stamp counter, process of marriage registration certificate and etc.,

Besides to the said female person three private employees and Six documents writers were found in Sub registrar's office. On enquiry, they stated their details as follows.

I. Private persons found at SROs Cabin:

1. Sri Shaik Khaleesha S/o Hyder, 34 Years, occ: office boy (employed by the Sub registrar and working from 2006) R/o H.No.5-296, near court centre, Avanigadda, Krishna District.
2. Sri Katikala Subrahmanyam S/o Venkata Kutumba Rao Age 40, Aswaraopalem, Avanigadda Mandal, Krishna District occ: office boy R/o Aswaraopalem, Avanigadda, Krishna District.
3. Sri Ganta Yedukondalu S/o Harinadh Babu, 40 Years, car driver of Sub registrar, Avanigadda, R/o 5th Road, Radha Ranga Nagar, Vaddeswaram, Tadepalli, Guntur District.

II. Document Writers:-

1. Sri Batchu Narasimha Rao, S/o seetaiah, Age 71 years, D.No.1-101 Modumudi, Avanigadda Mandal, Document Writer.
2. Sri Jampani Hanuman Kishore, S/o Lakshmana Rao, D.No 6-156, Avanigadda, Asst. Document Writer of T.Nageswara Rao.
3. Sri Tamtam Nageswara Rao, S/o Pothu Raju, Avanigadda, Document writer.
4. Sri Repalle Venkata Ramakrishna Rao, S/o Nageswara Rao, 51 Years, Document Writer, 9th ward, Kotha yadlanka, Avanigadda Mandal, Krishna District.
5. Sri Pedapalli Koteswara Rao S/o Prasada Rao, 59 years, Document Writer R/o st Ward, Seethayalanka, Avanigadda, Krishna District.
6. Sri Katikala Venkata Basava Gnana Subrah Manyam S/o Venkata Kutumba Rao, 40 years, Kapu, Aswarao palem, Avanigadda Mandal, Krishna District.

The above said persons were kept under the control of Inspector Sri K.Happy Krupa Vandanam and the DSP went to the other cabin located left side of the sub registrar dais. In the that cabin one female person is attending her office work, the DSP ascertained her name as Smt. Karri Madhavi Latha W/o Durga Satyanarayana Age 36 Jr.Asst O/o Sub Registrar Avanigadda, R/o D.No 20-585-48, Lakshmana Raopuram, Krishna District.

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The DSP asked the Sub-Registrar Sri Arja Raghavarao to produce the attendance register, which is being maintained. On perusal of the attendance register found the following staff details i.e.1) Sri V.Veera Swamy, Jr. Asst 2) Sri P.Ibrahim, Jr.Asst. (not signed) 3) Smt.K.Madhavi latha, Jr.Asst 4) Smt. M.Mariyamma, Office subordinate 5) Sri P.Sivaiah, office subordinate among them P.Ibrahim has not signed in the attendance Register, Veera Swamy and P.Siviaiah was found absent. When the DSP questioned the sub registrar, why did sri P.Ibrahim has not signed in the attendance register, on that the Sub registrar stated that Sri P.Ibrahim applied for CL two i.e., 09-03-2018 and on 12-03-2019 and permission on 10-03-2018 to 11-03-2018. On questioning about absence of Sri P.Veera swamy sub registrar stated that Sri Veera swamy went to treasury office for rectification of re conciliation of challan remittance and P.Sivaiah went to Challapalli sub registrar office on deputation duty. On perusal of the attendance register the CL letter of Sri P.Ibrahim was found but there is no sanction of CL by the SRO, Avanigadda on the CL petition and thereby he failed to update the CL register. Further the SRO also failed to mention about the deputation duty of Sri P.Siviaih office subordinate in the attendance register.

Then the DSP verified the personal cash register and cross verified the physical cash found with them.

S.NO	Name and Designation	Cash declared in the register	Physical cash found	Excess amount
1)	Sri V.Veera Swamy, Jr. Asst	470/-	-	---
2)	Sri P.Ibrahim, Jr. Asst.	CL	---	---
3)	Smt.K.Madhavi latha, Jr. Asst	350/-	300/-	--
4)	Smt. M.Mariyamma, Office subordinate	101/-	90/-	---
5)	Sri P.Sivaiah, office subordinate	100/-	---	--
6)	Sri A.Raghava Rao, SRO	370/-	360/-	--

Since no excess cash was found in the possession of the above individuals, the DSP has returned the amount to them in the our presence of mediators.

Then the DSP got checked the private employees, Document Writers with help of mediators and found the un accounted amounts and the details are as follows.

S.No.	Name of the Private employees	Physically Cash Found
1	Sri M.Naga Subrahmanyam (office boy)	Rs.2,670-00
2	SK.Kaleesha (office boy)	Rs.6,310-0
3	Sri Ganta Yedukondalu (Sub Registrar personal driver)	Rs.1,050-00
	Total	Rs.10,030-00

S.No.	Name of the Document writers	Physically Cash found
1	Sri Batchu Narasimha Rao, S/o seetaiah, Age 71 years, D.No 1-101 Modumudi, Avanigadda Mandal, Document Writer	Rs.11,400-00
2	Sri Jampani Hanuman Kishore, S/o Lakshmana Rao, D.No6-156, Avanigadda, Asst Document Writer	Rs.3,680-00
3	Sri Repalle Venkata Ramakrishna Rao, S/o Nageswara Rao, 51 Years, Document Writer, 9th ward, Kotha yadlanka, Avanigadda Mandal, Krishna District	Rs.41,240-00

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4	Sri Pedapalli Koteswara Rao S/o Prasada Rao, 59 years, Document Writer R/o st Ward, Seethayalanka, Avanigadda, Krishna District	Rs.5,910-00
5	Sri Katikala Venkata Basava Gnana Subrah Manyam S/o Venkata Kutumba Rao, 40 years, Kapu, Aswarao palem, Avanigadda Mandal, Krishna District.	Rs.7, 780-00
6	Sri Tamtam Nageswara Rao, S/o Pothu Raju, Avanigadda, Document writer	Rs.20,080-00
	Total	90,090-00

Then every nook and corner of the entire office was searched and a wad od currency notes was found at the south-west corner of the office of Sub Registrar, Avanigadda and on counting the same, the amount was found to be Rs.29,000/-.

Thus an amount of Rs.90,090/- was found in the possession of the aforesaid six Document writers/Asst. Document writers, an amount of Rs.10,030/- was found in the possession of the three private employees who were found to be present in Sub-Registrar's Office, Avanigadda and an unaccounted amount of Rs.29,000/- which was found at the south-west corner of the office of the Sub-Registrar. Thus the total amount of Rs.1,29,120/- was found and the same was seized by the DSP for the purpose of further enquiry.

When the DSP asked the Sub-Registrar and staff about the recovery of Rs.29,000/- at the south west corner of the Sub-Registrar's office, they could not account for the same and kept silent.

Abstract of unaccounted amount seized:-

Sl.No	PLACE/PERSON FROM WHERE THE AMOUNT SEIZED	AMOUNT SEIZED (In Rs.)
2.	Private employees	10,030-00
3.	Document writers	Rs. 90,090-00
4.	Office premises	Rs.29,000-00
	Total	1,29,120=00

Article of Charge - 2

That Sri Arja Raghava Rao, Sub Registrar Grade-II, Sub Registrar Office, Avanigadda, Krishna District and his staff have been insisting the Document Writers must collect an excess amount as bribe from the claimants on the document value for registration and accordingly, excess amount was being collected by the document writers and the same was being handed over to the Sub Registrar and his staff on the instructions of Sub-Registrar after completion of all transactions. After taking his share, the Sub-Registrar used to distribute the bribe amount among all the staff members.

FACTS AND EVIDENCE:

During the Searches, when the DSP examined the private employees and Document Writers in the presence of mediators, the details of the statements are as follows.

Private Employees:-

1. **Sri Maddala Naga Subrahmanyam (office boy):** On examination he stated that he is working as private employee unauthorizedly in the sub registrar office, Avanigadda since October, 2014. His mother Smt. M.Mariyamma is working as office subordinate in the office of SRO, Avanigadda. He was being paid an amount of Rs.200/- per day from the bribe amount collected through public and document writers. He further

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stated that every day on behalf of the sub-registrar, commission (bribe amount) is being collected by the document writers from the public and the bribe amount is handed over to the sub registrar or his staff on the instructions of Sub-Registrar, Avanigadda at the end of day. After taking his share he used to distribute the bribe amount to all the staff members basing on their cadre and credibility. Further he stated that an amount of Rs.2,670/- seized from him is the amount given by the document writers/ customers for delivering services to them and etc., facts.

2. **Sri SK.Kaleesha (office boy):** On examination he stated that he is working as private employee in the Registrar Office, Avanigadda from the year 2006. He was being paid an amount of Rs.200/- per day from the bribe amount collected through document writers. He further stated that every day on behalf of the sub-registrar commission (bribe amount) is being collected by the document writers from the public and the commission (bribe amount) is handed over to the sub-registrar or his staff on the instructions of Sub Registrar, Avanigadda at the end of day. After taking his share he used to distribute the bribe amount to all the staff members basing on their cadre and credibility. Further he stated that an amount of Rs.6,310/- seized from him is the amount given by the document writers/ customers for delivering services to them and etc., facts.
3. **Sri Ganta Yedukondalu:-** On examination he stated that he is working as private driver to the car bearing AP 16 DN 2627 of Sub registrar Arja Raghavarao since December, 2017 and getting Rs.10,000/- as salary. The sub registrar, Avanigadda residing at Currency Nagar, Vijayawada. He picks the sub registrar from his house at currency nagar, Vijayawada and drops him at Avanigadda Sub registrar office. After completion of the office duty of the sub registrar, again he picks him from the office and drops him at his residence. He was being paid an amount of Rs.200/- per day from the bribe amount collected through document writers and public. He further stated that every day on behalf of the sub-registrar commission (bribe amount) is being collected by the document writers from the customers and the bribe amount is handed over to the sub-registrar or his staff on the instructions of Sub Registrar, Avanigadda at the end of day. After taking his share he used to distribute the bribe amount to all the staff members basing on their cadre and credibility. Further he stated that an amount of Rs.1,050/- seized from him is the amount given by the document writers/ customers for delivering services to them and etc., facts.

Document Writer:

1. **Sri Batchu Narasimha Rao:** On examination he stated that he is a Document Writer for 20 years and he get registered 1 or 2 documents per week at Sub Registrar Office, Avanigadda. The Sub-Registrar Office, Avanigadda and their staff are insisting to collect excess amount as bribe from the claimants on the document value for registration and accordingly the amount is being collected by him and same is handed over to Sub Registrar or their staff on their instructions after completion of all transactions. Today i.e., on 12.03.2018 he came to Registrar Office to pay the bribe amounts to the Sub Registrar which was collected from 05-03-2018 to till date. Further at the request of the DSP, he produced Rs.11,400/- and the DSP seized the same for the purpose of further enquiry.
2. **Sri Jampani Hanuman Kishore:-** On examination he stated that he is working as Document Writer for 2 years and he get registered 1 or 2 documents per week at Sub Registrar Office, Avanigadda. The Sub-Registrar Office, Avanigadda and their staff are insisting to collect excess amount as bribe from the claimants on the document value for registration and accordingly the amount is being collected by him and same is handed over to Sub Registrar or their staff on their instructions after completion of all transactions. Today i.e., on 12.03.2018 he came to Registrar Office to get EC in respect of Sri Kosuru Lokeswari of Vekanuru from the Sub registrar office.

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While standing in the office to pay the amounts to the sub registrar collected from the customers from 05- 03-2018 to till date the ACB officials rushed in to the office of sub registrar office and asked him not to go outside. Further at the request of the DSP, he produced Rs.3,680/- and the DSP seized the same for the purpose of further enquiry.

3. **Sri Repalle Venkata Ramakrishna Rao:-** On examination he stated that he is a Document Writer since 18 years and he get registered 10 to 12 documents per month at Registrar Office, Avanigadda. The Sub-Registrar Office Avanigadda and their staff are insisting to collect excess amount as bribe from the claimants on the document value for registration and accordingly the amount is being collected by him and same is handed over to Sub Registrar or their staff on their instructions after completion of all transactions. Today i.e., on 12.03.2018 he came to sub Registrar Office presented Three documents i.e, two sale deeds and one partition deed. While standing in the office to pay the amounts to the sub registrar collected from the customers from 05-03-2018 to till date the ACB officials rushed in to the office of sub registrar office and asked him not to go outside. Further at the request of the DSP, he produced Rs.41,240/- and the DSP seized the same for the purpose of further enquiry.
4. **Sri Pedapalli Koteswara Rao:-** On examination he stated that he is a Document Writer for 30 years and he get registered 8 to 10 documents per month at Registrar Office, Avanigadda. The Sub-Registrar Office Avanigadda and their staff are insisting to collect excess amount as bribe from the claimants on the document value for registration and accordingly the amount is being collected by him and same is handed over to Sub Registrar or their staff on their instructions after completion of all transactions. Today i.e., on 12.03.2018 he came to Registrar Office to pay the bribe amounts which was collected from 05- 03-2018 to till date. Further at the request of the DSP, he produced Rs.5,910/ and the DSP seized the same for the purpose of further enquiry.
5. **Sri Katikala Venkata Basava Gnana Subrah Manyam:-** On examination he stated that he is a Document Writer for 3 years and he get registered 8 to 10 documents per month at Registrar Office, Avanigadda. The Sub-Registrar Office Avanigadda and their staff are insisting to collect excess amount as bribe from the claimants on the document value for registration and accordingly the amount is being collected by him and same is handed over to Sub Registrar or their staff on their instructions after completion of all transactions. Today i.e., on 12.03.2018 he came to Registrar Office to pay the commission (bribe amounts) which was collected from 05-03-2018 to till date. Further at the request of the DSP, he produced Rs.7,780/- and the DSP seized the same for the purpose of further enquiry.
6. **Sri Tamtam Nageswara Rao:-** On examination he stated that he is a Document Writer since 24 years and he get registered 15 to 17 documents per month at Registrar Office, Avanigadda. The Sub-Registrar Office Avanigadda and their staff are insisting to collect excess amount as bribe from the claimants on the document value for registration and accordingly the amount is being collected by him and same is handed over to Sub Registrar or their staff on their instructions after completion of all transactions. Today i.e., on 12.03.2018 he came to Registrar Office presented Two documents i.e, mortgage deeds (deposit of title deeds) registration. While standing in the office to pay the amounts to the sub registrar collected from the customers from 05-03-2018 to till date the ACB officials rushed in to the office of sub registrar office and asked him not to go outside. Further at the request of the DSP, he produced Rs.20,080/- and the DSP seized the same for the purpose of further enquiry.

Article of Charge - 3

That Sri Arja Raghava Rao, Sub Registrar Grade-II, Sub Registrar Office, Avanigadda, Krishna District allowed three private persons viz. Sri Shaik Khaleesha, Sri Subrahmanyam and Sri Ganta Yedukondalu to work in the SRO unauthorisedly

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and he has been allowing the document writers cum brokers to the SRO and he has been habitually collecting mamools in collusion with Smt. Karri Madhavi Latha, Jr.Asst. and Smt. Kaddala Mariyamma, Office sub ordinate, Office of Sub Registrar, Avanigadda from the general public (who have been approaching the Sub Registrar's Office for registration of their properties and other official works) through the six document writers/ assistant document writers and also through the three private employed by the Sub Registrar unauthorisedly.

FACTS AND EVIDENCE:

During the Searches, when the Sub-Registrar was questioned about the presence of Private employees, Document writers in his office and the possession of un-accounted cash with them and in the premises of the office, he confessed that the said 3 private persons are being used by him for official work to overcome overload. They have been paying by him by meeting expenditure from the customers. Among 3 private persons Shaik Khaleesha (office boy) Sri Katikala Subrahmanyam (office boy) and Ganta Yedukondalu (personal private driver) are working from 2006, 2014 and 2017 October respectively. They were taken by him to overcome shortage of staff. Further he remained silent when the DSP asked about the amount found at the documents writers and private persons and at south west corner of the mail hall of the Sub Registrar office and he could not account for.

During the searches, Sri Badavathula Sivaram S/o Bala Raju, 51 years, District Registrar, Machilipatnam, Krishna District attended before the DSP, ACB, Vijayawada and introduced himself to the DSP and vice versa. Further the DSP requested the District Registrar to explain the procedural aspect regarding maintenance of personal cash register/document writers/private employees engaged in sub registrar office, Avanigadda. On that he stated that with regard to personal cash register every employee of the sub registrar office shall have to enter in the personal cash register on every beginning of the day to maximum of Rs.500/-. With regard to registration of documents, documents shall be presented before the sub registrar for registration either by the executants or claimants or GP holders only. No other persons such as document writers are not allowed in the office to present the documents for registration. With regard to staff members only appointed employees of the department are permitted to work as sub registrar, clerks and office subordinates. No other persons or private persons are permitted to work in the office or roam in the office. Deviation of the above rules are highly irregular according to the rules and standing orders of the department.

Thus the Sub Registrar also contravened orders issued by the Commissioner and Inspector General of Registration and Stamps, AP., Hyderabad. Circular No.24, dt. 28.10.1998, the instructions issued in Circular Memo. No. XI/9345/2007 dated 02.05.2007 and Circular Memo No. CARD2/5979/2013 Dt.18.04.2013

The Sub Registrar and his staff have violated the orders vide Memo No. 101/Spl.B/2000-4 dt.17-4-2001 of Govt. of AP, General Administration Dept (Spl.B) that 'No Manual or any Procedure has prescribed to engage a private person to perform certain official duties during the course of departmental activity"

Article of Charge - 4

That Sri Arja Raghava Rao, Sub Registrar Grade-II, Sub Registrar Office, Avanigadda, Krishna District failed to maintain/ properly maintain the office records i.e. 1) Attendance Register, 2) Account-G Register Vol-50, 3) Stock Register of Special Adhesives (Vol-III), this record is being maintained by Smt.K.Madhavi Latha Jr.Asst., but it was not updated and the SRO did not supervis, 4) Non Judicial General Sale Register, 5) Hindu Marriage Register Vol.No.3, 6) Accounts-H Register (Vol.No.3), 7) Original A/D receipt Books, 8) Stamps disbursing Register.

FACTS AND EVIDENCE:

During the searches, on the request of the DSP, the Sub-Registrar produced the following records which were maintained in their office:

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1)ATTENDANCE REGISTER: This is being maintained from Jan-2018 to till date. All the staff members are present in the office, except P.Ibrahim, Jr. Asst, P.Sivaiah office subordinate and Veera swamy Jr.Asst. and it is under custody of sub registrar.

Sub registrar stated that Sri Veera swamy went to treasury office for rectification of re conciliation of challan remittance and P.Sivaiah went to Challapalli sub registrar office on deputation duty. On perusal of the attendance register the CL letter of Sri P.Ibrahim was found but there is no sanction of CL by the SRO, Avanigadda on the CL petition and thereby he faild to update the CL register. Further the SRO also failed to mention about the deputation duty of Sri P.Siviaih office subordinate in the attendance register.

2) PERSONAL CASH REGISTER: It is being maintained from 23-02-2018 till date. The personal Cash Register was cross checked with that amount found in the possession of the staff including the Sub-Registrar and found no excess amount with the office staff.

3) ACCOUNT - B REGISTER Vol-26: It is meant for to enter details of fees for registration on holiday. After completion of the registration, the fees amount will be remitted in the Bank. On perusal of the Registrar, an amount of Rs.5000/- was collected for registration of document vide No.P-47/2018, dated 11-03-2018. No signature and stamp of the sub registrar is found at the appropriate place.

4) ACCOUNT - G REGISTER VOL.50:- In this they will mention the details of updating of registration details, pending document details, cleared documents. It is being maintained from 31-01-2017 to 8-3-2018 and the particulars of registered documents, certified copies and ECs etc., are noted in the page No.21 of register. The sub registrar failed to enter the details on 9-3-2018 and 12-03-2018.

5) ACCOUNT - H REGISTER (VOL-38) :- It will update by making entries of Challans information, scrolling account will reflected in it. It is being maintained from 06-02-2014 08-03-2018. It is not updated by Ibrhim, Jr. Asst. O/o sub registrar, Avanigadda and is also not verified by sub registrar from 9-3-2018.

6) STOCK REGISTER OF SPECIAL ADHESIVES (VOL-3) :- It is meant for note down the stock of stamps. It is being maintained from 14-05-213 to 09-03-2018. It is meant for the sale of Special Adhesives. It is being maintained by Smt. K.Madhavai Latha, Jr. Asst but not updated.

7) NON JUDICIAL GENERAL SALE REGISTER VOL No.Nil:- It is being maintained from 02-02-2010 to 23-02-2018. It is meant for noting the sale of Non Judicial stamps. On perusal of the page No.48 of the register, 50 stamps of Rs.600/- value stamps of Rs/- were sold out on 23-02-2018. No transactions were done after 23-02-2018. No signature of the sub registrar is found at the appropriate place.

8) HINDU MARRIAGE REGISTER: VOL NO.3:- It is being maintained by Smt K.Madhavi Latha, Jr. Asst.. On perusal of this register it is maintaining from 14-03-2014 to till 07-03-2018. It is meant for note down the registration fees details of Hindu marriage. On page No.45 of the register, an amount of Rs.200/- was collected on 07-03-2018. No signature of the sub registrar is found at the appropriate place.

9) ORIGINAL A/D RECEIPT BOOKS:- It is not being maintained.

10) STAMPS DISBURSING REGISTER:- It is not being maintained.

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11) ATTESTED DOCUMENTS/RECORDS.

The following Attested documents/records are seized by the DSP, ACB in the presence of mediators.

S.No	Name of the register/document/receipt	Sheets
1.	Attested Attendance Register.	1 to 4 sheets.
2.	Attested Personal Cash Register.	1 to 5 sheets.
3.	Attested copies of ACCOUNT - A REGISTER (VOL-135)	Containing sheets 1 to 3 sheets.
4.	Attested copies of ACCOUNT - B REGISTER Vol-26	1 to 3 sheets.
5.	Attested copies of ACCOUNT - C REGISTER Vol.48	1 to 3 sheets.
6.	Attested copies of ACCOUNT - D REGISTER, Vol-63	1 to sheets.
7.	Attested copies of ACCOUNT - G REGISTER VOL.SO	1 to 3 sheets.
8.	Attested copies of ACCOUNT - H REGISTER (VOL-38)	1 to 3 sheets.
9.	Attested copies of STOCK REGISTER OF SPECIAL ADHESIVES (VOL-3)	1 to 3 sheets.
10.	Attested copies of THUMB IMPRESSION REGISTER Vol.316	1 to 3 sheets.
11.	Attested copies of NON JUDICIAL GENERAL SALE REGISTER VOL No.Nil	1 to 3 sheets.
12.	Attested copies of Hindu Marriage Register: Vol No.3	1 to 3 sheets.

Then the DSP seized the extracts of first and last pages of the registers mentioned above duly attested by District Registrar, Mediators and the DSP for taking further action. All original registers were returned to Sub-Registrar for further maintenance and to avoid inconvenience to the public.

That Sri Arja Raghava Rao, Sub Registrar Grade-II, Sub Registrar Office, Avanigadda, Krishna District, by his above mentioned acts exhibited lack of devotion to duty, failed to maintain integrity, behaved in a manner unbecoming of a Govt. servant and brought down the prestige of the state Government and thereby violated/ contravened Rule 3(1) & 3(2) of A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules,1964.

The Government Servant Sri Arja Raghava Rao SSub Registrar Grade-II, Sub Registrar Office, Avanigadda, Krishna District Districtrendered himself liable for regular departmental action for major penalty.

Hence the charges.

Dr.RAJAT BHARGAVA
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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ANNEXURE - III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI ARJA RAGHAVA RAO, SUB REGISTRAR GARDE - II, O/o THE SUB REGISTRAR, AVANIGADDA, KRISHNA DISTRICT ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE:-

1. Copy of Surprise Check proceedings dt.12.03.2018 from 17.15 hrs to 21.00 hrs drafted in SRO Office, Avanigadda, Krishna District, vide No.1/SC/ACB VJA/2018 of ACB, Vijayawada Range, Vijayawada dated.12.03.2018.
2. Copy of Attested Attendance Register of the Office of the SRO, Avanigadda, Krishna District.
3. Copy of Attested Personal Cash Register of the Office of the SRO, Avanigadda, Krishna District.
4. Copy of Attested Account B Register of the Office of the SRO, Avanigadda, Krishna District.
5. Copy of Account G Register of the Office of the SRO, Avanigadda, Krishna District.
6. Copy of Attested Account H Register of the Office of the SRO, Avanigadda, Krishna District.
7. Copy of Attested Stock Register of (Special Adhesives) of the Office of the SRO, Avanigadda, Krishna District.
8. Copy of Attested Non Judicial General Sale Register of the Office of the SRO, Avanigadda, Krishna District.
9. Copy of Attested Hindu Marriage Register Vol.III of the Office of the SRO, Avanigadda, Krishna District.
10. Copy of Memo No.101/SPL.B/2000-4, dated 17.04.2001 of the General Administration (Special - 8) Department.
11. Copy of Circular Memo No.X2.10708/1994 issued by the office of the Commissioner and Inspector General of Registration and Stamps, AP, Hyderabad, Dt.30.12.1997.
12. Copy of Memo No. XI/3945/2007 dated 02.05.2007 and the instructions issued in Circular memo No.CARD2/5979/2013 Dt.18.04.2013.

Any other Documents to be filed at the time of enquiry.

Dr.RAJAT BHARGAVA

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ANNEXURE – IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI ARJA RAGHAVA RAO, SUB REGISTRAR GARDE - II, O/o THE SUB REGISTRAR AVANIGADDA, KRISHNA DISTRICT, ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

ORAL EVIDENCE

The following Oral Evidence is available on record.

1. Sri Batchu Narasimha Rao, S/o seetaiah, Age 71 yrs, D.No 1-101 Modumudi, Avanigadda Mandal, Krishna Dist.
2. Sri Jampani Hanuman Kishore, S/o Lakshmana Rao, D.No 6-156, Avanigadda, Asst .Document Writer of T.Nageswara Rao,
3. Sri Tamtam Nageswara Rao,S/o Pothu Raju, Avanigadda, Document writer
4. Sri Repalle Venkata Ramakrishna Rao, S/o Nageswara Rao, 51 Years, Document Writer, 9th ward, Kotha yadlanka, Avanigadda Mandal, Krishna District
5. Sri Pedapalli Koteswara Rao S/o Prasada Rao, 59 years, Document Writer R/o st Ward, Seethayalanka, Avanigadda, Krishna District.
6. Sr Katikala Venkata Basava Gnana Subrah Manyam S/o Venkata Kutumba Rao, 40 years, Kapu, Aswarao palem, Avanigadda Mandal, Krishna District.
7. Sri Maddala Naga Subrahmanyam S/o Late Yesupadam, Age:35 Yrs, Occ: (Private Employee) at SRO Office, Avanigadda R/o D.No4-17, Radha Nagar, Kabela Road, Challapalli, Krishna Dist.
8. Sri Shaik Khaleesha S/o Hyder, 34 Years, occ: office boy (employed by the Sub registrar and working from 2006) R/o H. No. 5-296, near court centre, Avanigadda, Krishna District
9. Sri Ganta Yedukondalu S/o Harinadh Babu, 40 Years, car driver of Sub-registrar, Avanigadda, R/o 5th Road, Radha Ranga Nagar, Vaddeswaram, Tadepalli, Guntur District.
10. Sri Badavathula Sivaram S/o Bala Raju, 51 years, District Registrar, Machilipatnam, Krishna District
11. Sri Deevi Siva Sankara Rao S/o Venkata Gopala Rao, 57 Years, Asst. Geophysicist, O/o Deputy Director, Ground Water & Water audit Department, S.N.Puram, Vijayawada R/o 2-90, Flat No. SF-3, K.K.R Kubera Apartment, Tadigadapa, Penamaluru Mandal, Krishna District 8333991211.
12. Sri Abdul Momin S/o Abdul Rafic Ahmmad, 27 Years, Typist, Ground Water & Water audit Department, S.N.Puram, Vijayawada R/o H.No.21/637-1, Parasupet, Chilakalapudi Rural, Machilipatnam, Krishna District 9490244134.

SI. No.s 11 & 12 are the mediators to speak to the facts of drafting Mediator's Report during the Surprise Check conducted at SRO, Office, Avanigadda and etc., facts.

13. Sri S.V.V.Prasada Rao, DSP, ACB, Vijayawada Range, Vijayawada.
14. Sri K. Happy Krupa Vandanam, Inspector-I, ACB, Vijayawada Range, Vijayawada.

To speak to his participation in the Surprise Check at SRO, Office, Avanigadda and assisting to DSP ACB, Vijayawada and the facts reveals during the Surprise Check and during course of his further enquiry and filing of DACs and etc., facts.

Dr.RAJAT BHARGAVA
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